Into the world not bind out an orphan to a man who would blue and outrage it. Would the men who are opposed to the whole principle of Commissions be very likely, if the power was placed in their hands, to administer it effectively and well? If Commissions should be established at all, which is a matter for difference of opinion, let us have a care that they are properly organized. You are asked to send the bill back and peril it upon the ground that it should be non-partisan. Give us, if that be so, some assurance that it will remain non-partisan. Suppose you divide the Commission equally now; how know you that it will remain so? To-morrow a Police Commissioner is to be elected in place of Mr. McMurray, and there is very great reason for doubt that this place will be filled by another gentleman of the same faith. But this not a sound or real reason. The true ground of opposition is the attachment of Senators to their own bill. We have been told of dangers in delay. Now the danger is upon the other side. In fifteen minutes more it will become a law if you desire. If you pass a Health bill, tas police board must enforce it, and it is an insult to the board to assume that it will not do its duty in the matter.

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Mr. HATT was in favor of a Health bill; but he did not much it respectful to the Governor to take from him the ower of making appointments. He believed the Health lil to be a republican measure. Last winter and this inter the democrats have stood in a body against the rinciple of the Health bill. The Senator from the wonty-second tells us that the men who defeated the lil of last winter were now in favor of the Assembly lil.

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Mr. Whitz—What I stated at large was this: that the republicans of last year who voted in favor of the interests of the City Inspector are now to a man in favor of the Assembly bill.

Mr. HAT—The members of the Assembly who defeated the bill of last year, and who have been returned by their constituents, have seen the error of their ways and do not propose to repeat it. This commission should be made an effective one, and the true way to make it effective its to put the appointments in the hands of the Governor. The Police Commissioners should be stricken out. They have now all they can do. The great majority of Assemblymen from New York oppose the principles of the bill. If we are to be governed by the representatives from New York, we must be governed by the majority. But that we got over years ago.

A vote was then taken on the motion to non-concur, which prevailed—19 to 11—as follows:—
Yeas—Messra. Andrews, Campbell, Chambers, Collins, C. G. Cornell, E. Cornell, Crowley, Polyer, Humphrey Lent, L. Murphy, Flerson, Platt, Stanford, Sutherland, White, Wilber, Wolcott and Wood—19.

NAYS—Messrs. Barrestt, Bennett, Ghson, Godard, Havt, Kline, La Bau, Low, O'Donnell, Sessions and Williams—11.

The Senate then adjourned.

Assembly.

Alaant, Feb. 15, 1866.

The Speaker presented the annual report of the Trus
tees of the Asylum for Deaf and Dumb; also the annua
report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

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Interpretarion of the Mayor and Commonalty of New York relative to contracts; to increase the police force in Richmond and certain parts of Kings county; to regulate the supply of stationery for the Eric county Supervisors; to pay the principal and interest on the Canal debt; the annual Appropriation bill; to exempt Soldiers' Home from taxation.

The bill to incorporate the American Museum Company was lost.

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Adjourned.
Nore.—In yesterday's report of the proceedings in the
Assembly, it read that the Eighteenth ward Market bill
was introduced by Mr. Dutcher. This was an error made
by the telegraph. There is no such man in the Assembly. It was Mr. Tucker who introduced the bill.

## MEXICO.

Arrival of Napoleon's Envoy to Maximilian at Havana.

the French in Chihuahua.

The Liberal Army Preparing to March Against

The French Envoy to Maximilian at NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 14, 1866.

Have no dates of the 9th inst. are at hand. The steamer Louisiana had arrived there from France s route to Vera Cruz. She had on board a special con missioner from the Emperor Napoleon to the Emperor Maximilian on important business.

The Louisiana also had on board a Belgian general II. to the Belgian throne.

Official News from El Paso.

Washington, Feb. 15, 1866. Mr. Romero has received official news from El Paso, the residence of the Mexican government, up to the 20th of January. The French had made no further at-tempt to move on El Pase, and the Mexican army was at taking the initiative against the city of Chib occupied by the French forces.

## OBITUARY.

Colonel James B. Murray.

This venerable citizen died at his residence in Wash e, in this city, on Wednesday evening, Feb ruary 14, 1866, in the seventy-seventh year of his age His father, John B. Murray, was well known as a mer chant of this city in 1791, and he and John P. Mumfor were the heaviest tea merchants at that time in New England, whither he was accompanied by his father on visit of a few years. New York and placed his son James at the school of Mr.

## CARNIVAL

**UN BALLO IN MASCHERA** 

The Liederkranz Society in Costly Cos-

tume at the Academy of Music.

THE FUNNIEST PROGRAMME.

One Thousand Nights Boiled

Down to One.

ALADDIN'S PALACE IN FOURTEENTH STREET

The Gorgeous Decorations, the Rich Dresses and the Merry Masks.

WHAT A LUDICROUS PROCESSION!

A! HA! HA

IMPROVED PROCESS OF FUN MAKING.

glory last night. The Liederkranz Society, whose festivi-ties are always of a first class and select order, held its annual bal masqué at the Academy last night, which on this occasion was again fully decorated, and the house presented a most brilliant aspect. The floor committee composed of thirty members, appeared in the spiendie court costume which was in vogue during the reign of Louis XV., while Mr. Sterns, the leader of the committee, was dressed in the ancient Rococco style. The balcony seats were occupied by the ors long before the ball commenced, on this occasion was somewhat later than usual The dancing did not commence until after nine o'clock A splendid orchestra, numbering one hundred and thirty instruments, under the lead of Mr. A. Bernstein, was attendance to provide the music for the dances, while another orchestra under Mr. Dietz furnished the accompaniments for the promenade, which commenced to dis course shortly before nine o'clock. The Academy not only presented a brilliant and Oriental aspect, but also ous sight. A very remarkable arrangement was to be seen on the right of the stage, where a sort of steame had been placed, and various were the surmises as to what this curious contrivance was there for. It was the nival procession. In the rear of the stage two fountains the stage itself looked like an immense tent, through the further opening of which a far reaching landscape, with an ocean view, was to be seen, with an im o'clock the baliroom began to fill with masks of every conceivable character, and very lively scenes ensued in all parts of the ballroom. The dances style until late. As far as the decorations were con -which had been prepared regardless of ex pense—they appeared most brilliant, but more simple than on the occasion of the Arion ball. In the rear of the stage appeared the name of "Liederkranz" and a lyre in

THE HISTORY OF THE LIEDERKRANZ. The Liederkranz is a rival and the parent society the Arion. The society was organized in 1847, and is one of the oldest and most prominent German musical organizations in this country. Messrs. Jacob Wind-mueller, Duerr and Paur, who are still members of the society, were among the originators; but it appears that the majority of the original members have disap peared from the list. In 1861 the society obtained its harter, and in 1863 the society purchased its present headquarters in Fourth street, at a cost of thirty-two transformed into a splendid club hall, which at present is much frequented by artists and the members of the society. The money was raised among the members on shares. The number of members at present amounts to about nine hundred, of whom one bundred and thirty are active singers, including sixty ladies, of the male and female chorus. Connected with the society is an amateur orchestra composed of about sixty nembers, which has been recently organized. A singing school for young ladies, who receive gratuitous instruction, was originated by the society some years since. The floancial and other affairs of the society are in a good condition. transformed into a splendid club hall, which

good condition. THE DECORATIONS.

The Academy was again decorated in magnificent style and with a great deal of artistic skill, forming a combination of the grotesque and beautiful, while goblins and nondescrips with glaring eyes were looking through these decorations, which were designed Ragland, whither he was accompanied by his father on a wist of a few years. In 1709 his father returned to New York and placed his son James at the school of Mr. Samuel Rodd, in Ocdar street, where, smoog his school-makes, were President Moore, of Columbia College; Protector Melvicks and his brothers James and Archhold. In 1808 he entered the Spolemore case of Columbia College; Protector Melvicks and his brothers James and Archhold. In 1808 he entered the Spolemore case of Columbia College, and subsequently current the counting room of his father, whose firm was then Murray, Muniford & Dowen, having a branch at Alexandria, "A, them the principal Melvicks," and the protection of the service of the College of the College of the College of the College of the Melvick of the Melvi

Prominent in the procession was a steamer, bearing passengers from the "German Indian village of Hoboken," bound for the Academy of Musc. This village is said to pride itself upon its navy and ferryboats. But if appears that navigation is not the only ambition of this brave and adventurous tribe. They have chartered a steamer, the "James Watts," which comes sailing stowly into the Academy with its precious crew on board, and it appeared that the New Jersey embassy had a good time of it before they reached the Academy. On board were a curious looking set of men, blowing pipes and horns and performing on a hand organ. And

of men, blowing pipes and horns and performing on a hand organ. And

Now does Terpsichore appear,
And "go it while she's young;"
Her dires is rather senity.

But the poor girl means no wrong.

Then followed a series of grotesque characters, led by a number of pol cemen, who, it was explained, were of no use on the Broadway squad, on account of their size. Then entered a number of harlequins, playing their pranks and annoying everybody. They were followed by the Floor Committee, in gorgeous array. They all appear d to be "twins." The Liederkranz app are to be provided with a detective; for a chap who was described as such appeared in the procession walking by the side of Brother Jonathan, and both appeared to be on the scent of some-body or something. Here appears Uncle Sam. He makes an immonse spread, playing an air which is said not be sweet to Maximilian's ear, who follows him. Maximilian, it was said, cannot be permitted to stay at the Academy. Then follows a chap in long boots, who is said to represent the French Emperor, and at his side is walking the "inventress of the waterfall and crinoline." She is leading that little family arrangement called the Prince Imperial, although

He has no hair on the tip of his chin, The place where the hair ought to grow

The place where the hair ought to grow.

This smart youth is said to have done a great many things—that he either discovered or detected the "patent beer;" that six weeks after his birth he published a dictionary in ninety-eight languages, and other nonsense. A roll of Confederate bonds are sticking out of his pocket, said to form a substitute for a pocket handkerchief. There is to be seen in the procession the Hohenzoller, who is said to be always on a spree because the capital of Prussia is situated on the Spree. There are a great many odd things said about this old king.

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One old party, attended by the "faithful," is supposed to be the Pope, who appears to think that everybody is down on him. He is supported on a litter, and is followed by a mysterious person called Signer My Honey, who is acting as if he were very ferocous and inclined to devour the British lion; and then appears a personage whose reputation is said to have been manufactured from other people's brains, and by some he is called a Sardine. At the close of the procession was to be seen the "Head Scenter" in the act of shaving, shampooing and otherwise dressing the British lion, prior to swallowing him.

THE BROAD SWORD QUADRILLE.

This performance probably formed one of the most curious carnivalistic features ever seen. It is said to have been patented. Every dancer carries a draws sword, about as "broad as it is long," to the point of which is fixed a silver bell, the silver having been fur nished by the "Montana Territory Mining Company," of which several ex-oil men of Philadelphia are said to be the directors.

OPENING OF THE RALL.

Long before the appointed hour at which the numerous guests were to be admitted into the fairy realm of Princ Carnival the doors were througed with expectant face the majority of which bore the characteristic expression of the German in search of fun-namely, nexhaustill good humor. At every noise from within each one was on the qua vice for the "open sesame" of the committee and the widest speculations were entertained regarding. and the wildest speculations were intertained regarding the feast which the worthy Prince had prepared for his devotees. At length the doors were opened, and the glittering throng poured in. While standing at the entrance and watching the gay pageant we were irresistibly reminded of the lines of Hood—

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In they go in jackets and cleaks,
Plumes and tonnets, turbans and toques,
As if to a Congress of Nationa;
Greeks and Malaye with daggers and dirks,
Spaniards, Jews, Chinese and Turks,
Some like original foreign works,
And some like load translations.

And some like bad translations.

On entering, the guests disappeared for a time to certain mysterious little compartments where some arranged their masks and costumes, giving the final touches of the grotesque, romantic or beautiful, as became the character which each assumed, and others donned their habiliments of slik, muslin, tinsel or velvet.

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THE MASKS AND COSTUMES.

It was troly a congress of nations. Every clime, from the Laplander of the North to the dusky child of the torrid zone, was represented. The brutish Cossack, in his sheepskin dreas, cowered beneath the lash of the Muscovite overseer and the glance of his titled master. Hungarian and Bohemian chiefs laughed the Kaiser and his myrmidons to defiance, and Neapolitan brigands did their utmost to prove that order did not reign within the newly acquired realms of Victor Emanuel. Bluff Yorkshire farmers behondbed with London cookneys, and Irish tenants, those pur exemples of suffering in the Nineteenth century, grinned lacetiously at the terrible bugbear landlords and Tipperary agents, of which we have heard so much about. The veritable follower of Marco Horzarnie's scowied as ferociously as the Turk that "was dreaming of the hour" as Byron would wish him, and the rough mountaineer of Circassia waved his hand contemptuously towards the Russian invader who passed him. The peasant of Lavendee awept in disdain by the rabid disciple of Marat, Danton and Robespierre; and the Soth and Hun returned plate for glare with the haughty Roman. Indians on the war path, Indians smoking the pipe of peace, Indians in the full, hideous panoply of war, and Indians sitting around the council lodge, forgetting the scalps of the enemy, stole around the platform. Clowns and hardening performed incredible account in the full, indeed the council lodge forgetting the scalps of the enemy, stole around the platform. Clowns and hardening performed incredible account in the full, and a supplementary desired the scales of the enemy, stole around the platform. such as might have followed Tammerlane in his forsy through China and Fersia; the original Zorosster and wild Bedouins commingled in curious affinity. The animal kingdom was also strongly represented. Wolves, cows, sheep, donkeys and other "animals" too numerous to mention kept up a hideous discord of sound. Among the thousand and one masks were to be seen non descripts, whom it was impossible to assign to any particular species in the animal, vegetable or mineral king dom, but who contrived to make themselves quite considerations of the second of the seco

good-humor and enjoyment.

SCENER CUTSIDE.

Intense cold, bright starlight, an unclouded sky, calcium lights, carriages and a crowd, conspired to render the outside scene a lively and brilliant one. The long line of carriages that formed as early as six o clock in frying piace, and extended out toward and up Third avenue, filled with anxious and expectant occupants, presented a curious spectacle, with their frest coated windows, through whuch bright and longing eyes endeavored to catch a glimpse of the doorway, and the guesta alighted after their two hours waiting in the cold, with chattering teeth and chilled feet. At eight o'clock precisely the doors opened and the carriage delivery commenced. Large numbers of the guesta, impatient at the long delay, alighted on Fourteenth and frifteenth streets and Third and Fourth avenues, and trotted at a sharp pace to the door. The flaggings were just an cold and cruel to the white kid slippers and delicate feet which they encased, as to the course boot of the sturdy footed policemen who bade the crowd fall back and make passage for the company. Shortly after eight o'clock a spiendid illumination, in the shape of calcium lights, shone out on the Fourteenth street side, discovering the crowd and the costumes of the rapidly arriving company. This brings us to

while the gentlemen row enthusiast cover some unusual extravagance or buriesque in the way of dress, the ladies were only profoundly a itated by a sight of the appropriate coastume of the full dress ball, as d splay d by one of their own sex. But this crowd, like all its predocessors, grew tired at last and withdrew, satisfied that all had been seen outside that could be, and regretting that it could not be admitted to the inner hall, where, as they felt sure from the warm gusts of air that came out from the ever-pointing doors, something more picasurable to the senses that the cold right air and the constant jostling was to be experienced.

as usual, were kept under admirable subjection. The drivers crowded and Jammed each other somewhat, but it only required the eight of a shield and a blue coat to make everything series and lovely. The why ps have come to the conclusion that the police mans or them even better than they could marage themselves, and they now yield gracefully to the arraneoments which two years ago they would have scoffed at.

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THE FOLICE ARRANGEMENTS

outside and in were of a character to give entire
satisfaction. The comfort of the guests from the
moment-they alight of from their carriages to their
finally taking turns at the coat room was in a
great degree due to the shield and baton. Captain
frackett and Serseatt Robinson, with a dual of men
from the Twenty-sixth precinct, looked after the hackmen, the guests as they arrived, and the crowd. They
prevented confusion, compelled the whips to obedience,
kept the crowd within proper limits, and made it a real
pleasure to the company to drive up and get out.

Captain Cameron, regreant Vosburg, and a detail of
men, including two detectives from the Eighteenth precinct, had charse within the baliroom. Good order was
the result. The immense crowd moved in regularity
and in strict obedience to the prescribed rules. Possibly
so large a company was never better managed.

THE COMMITTEE ROOM.

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One of the curious but seldom described features of large balls is the committee room, in which the committee and their friends, the invited guetts, assembled and hold high carnival. An almost unearthly din and clatter of dishes, an ine-seant talking in German, English and French; constant accessions of equally constant voices, the popping of Champagne corks and the less noisy drawings of the Rhine wine, the shouts of the committee and the announcements of invited squests, all contributed to make a scene quite as worthy of note as any other. The notabilities of the ball were sure to be seen here if lost aght of claewhere. The open sesame to the place was a small white reactive, to which were appended tri-colored ribbons. The favored ball were sure to be seen here if lost sight of claewhere. The open assume to the place was a small white resette to which were appended tri-colored ribbons. The favores few, which in this case elongated to the ingenious many were decorated with these at the Fourteenth street door, and immediately upon being informed of the privileges to which the lattle badges entitled them, proceeded at once to put them to practical use. Convivainty restried supreme here throughout the night, the larder being amply supplied and the wine, to appearance, inexhaustible.

being amply supplied and the wine, to appearance, inexhaustible. THE END.

As the best friends must sooner or later part, so the
hall, like all its predecessors, must sooner or later part
with its numerous guests. It could no more be perpetual
than the Arion, the Seventh Regiment, the Churity Ball,
the Fire Department, or the other numerous assemblages
that have adorned the Academy with their wit and
beauty, their glitter and their guieties, during the season.
Before its close, however, the small hours had come.
Milk wagons ratitled in the streets and laboring men were
just yawning from sleep and waking to their accustomed
labors. The patient patrolinen still tramped steadily outside, watchful still over the interests and welfare of the
guests, and the carriages rolled up in regular order, receiving the guests as they came out, and taking them on
the first come first served principle, according to previous arrangement. Altogether the ball was a grand success, as well in its projection and general arrangements
as in the number of its attendants, and reflects credit
upon the association and the committee selected by them
to carry out their programme.

First Annual Ball of Hawkins' Zouave The members of Company C, First regiment, Hawkins Zouaves, gave their first annual ball at the Germania Assembly Rooms last night. There was quite a large merrily from the hour at which the Grand March marshalled the couples on the floor, until the strain of
'Home, Sweet Home' reminded the guests that a very
pieasant soirie was drawing to a closs. Of course, in the
meantime there was a goodly display of handsome triletie, and pretty faces and gallant chevaliers were not
wanting to heighten the brilliancy of the scene. To this
the reporter can only do justice by stating that the first
reunion of Company C was one that was sufficiently successful to warrant the guests in wishing for a recurrence
of the pleasant reunion. merrily from the hour at which the Grand March mar

The Hurgiars at Work.

BREAKING INTO AND ECCRING A SILK MANUPACTORY—THE BURGLARS COMMIT A BURDEROUS ASSAULT ON A NIGHT WATCHMAN, ETC.

The silk manufactory of Mesura Hieneman & Silber-

nans, Nos. 417, 419 and 421 West Thirty-fifth street, wa visited by burglars at a late hour on Wednesday night. Finding Edward Kroemer, the night watchman, at his post and in their way, the burglars endeavored to decoy him from the neighborhood; but without effect. There was no alternative left to the villains but to abandon their plundering scheme or reduce the watchman to alternative left to the villains but to abandon their plundering scheme or reduce the watchman to alternative and they choose the later. Accordingly they made a furious quelaught on Kroemer, beating him over the head with designors in the most brutal manner, leaving him for dead on the sidewalk. The burglars then burst in one of the front basement windows, and, entering the premises, stoic one hundred and fifty pieces of ladies' belt ribbons, two hundred dozen silk neckties, three or four bundles of dyed silk, and other articles of silk goods, valued in all at \$2,500, with which they succeeded in making their escape. At a later hour the Twentieth precinct police discovered the night watchman lying insensible on the pavement, and in a few minutes afterwards the officers learned of the burglary. A physician was immediately summoned to attend Mr. Kroemer, whom he found in a very critical condition, there being serious fears about his recovery. Captain Walling, of the Twentieth precinct, and several of his officers are on the alert for the desperate burglars, and with a prospect of arresting them.

BURGLARY AND ROBERRY IN BROADWAY. him from the neighborhood; but without effect. There

BURGLARY AND ROBBERY IN BROADWAY Early on Wednesday evening the tailoring establish

dom, but who contrived to make themselved applications amid the gay throng.

The music was of that dreamy and contrasted style peculiar to Fatherland. There is something irresistibly fascinating about the German waitz and gallop. Two hundred couples spin around in automatic order, yet with a rim and dash that commonicates isself to the mere speciator, and the inspiring strains of a hundred instruments send the blood in lava streams through the veins. Nodding plumes, glistening robes and gleaming armore dash by like the shifting colors of the kaleidoscope, and soft words are exchanged between angels and demons which would shock the the author of "Paradise Leas" or any other person interested in sublunary matters. THE BALL AT ITS HEIGHT.

At one o'clock, at a signal from the orchestra, every any unmasked, and the most judicrous demonstration of the side and promising signal and pr

DISASTROUS FIRE.

The City Assembly Rooms and American Theatre Destroyed.

ORIGIN OF THE FIRE.

SKETCH OF THE BUILDINGS.

THE LOSSES AND INSURANCES.

SCENES AND INCIDENTS.

The City Assembly Rooms and the American theatre were yesterday destroyed by fire. The buildings were situated on Broadway, between Howard and Grand streets. The fire resulted in the complete destruction of th premises. The loss is estimated at about two hundred thousand dollars. The fire broke out about half-past eleven A. M., and was extinguished in about three he ORIGIN OF THE PIRE.

The flames, it is supposed, broke out in the saloon of the theatre, and were first discovered by some women who had been engaged to cleanse the floor of the dancing hall, in preparation for the ball of the Highland regiment, which was to have taken place there last evening They attempted to put out the incipient conflarration by throwing pails full of water upon it, but without success, it having thus early gained too great headway to be visibly affected by their ancient but not extremely officacious fire department. Something more was peeded, and the alarm which the women sounded brought the required assistance place. And still the Metropolitans were not able to save the edifice or its valuable contents. Another statement has it that the fire was caused by a stovepipe in the property room, becoming detached ney flue, communicated the spark to the light and innable materials collected there, and that the men in the theatre, although they tried hard to do so, were unable to extinguish the fire. Some mistake in the fittings of the bose pipe to the hydrant prevented them from at once putting in use the appliances furnished expressly for such emergencies. Of course all the stage properties of the theatre, with the wardrobes of the actors and actresses, were quickly consumed.

SPREADING OF THE FLAMES.

While the attaches of the theatre and persons attracted by curiosity to the spot were busily engaged in saving such property as they could carry out, the insatiable fire flend within the building did not rest. Licking up, as with a single movement of its all-consuming tongue, the combustible wings, flats and drops of the stace, it realed its way into the floors, the zurrounding wood work and the seats of the auditorium. Thence it glided towards the ceilings, and then through these climbed upon investible ladders to the dancing room, only to generate, after a brief period, to the roof, and to burst out from cranny and corner into the full light of day. This cane accomplished, the flames had it nearly all their own way. The water thrown upon them seemed only to make them more ravenous and destructive. The wind catching them, bore them aloft, and continued until new material was reached to be commend. Hotter and hotter grew the seven times heated formace below, upon which, by this time, the brace fremen were throwing a dozen different streams. Working toward Grossly street, it was in less than an hour evident that the rear walk of the building must inevitably give way, and proparations were made to prevent any accident occurring. A portion of this wall did fall at about twelve oclock. It save the fremen an entrance and the heat an ent, which was accomplished at about three o'clock in the afternoon. such property as they could carry out, the insatiable fire

evenually brought about the conquering of the element, which was accomplished at about three o'clock in the afternoon.

THE CITY ASSEMBLY ROOMS.

Alker's Rooms, better known as the City Assembly Rooms, were built in 1856, by G. W. Miller, on the atte of the former building destroyed by are on the 2d of December, 1854. They consisted of a splendid ball room, spacious supper, dessing and rutring rooms. The ball room was certainly the fleed one in the city. In addition to its dimensions, which were very large, the floor was the best for dancing in the country. It was ecapable of affording dancing facilities to three thousand persons, and even then there was no overcrowding. It was well ventilated and handsomely decorated. Each year made, these rooms the sons of a larger number of revunions than any other room in the city. It was necessary, so great was the demand for them, to engage them one year ahead; and they were rented for every night up to the commencement of April. Some of the most fashionable balls given were held here; and the uniform consideration with which all gatherings were treated by its proprietor insured the rooms this extensive patronage. In addition to their usage for ball purposes, concerts, bazzars, fancy fairs and other amusements were held there through the summer months. Their admirable position on Broadway made them great favorities with all parties. Last evening the annual ball of the Seventy ninth Highlanders was to have been held there; but, as their present condition is bardly conducive to Terpschorean exercises, the ball has been postponed to the fast proximo, when it will be held in Irving Hall. Among the other balls to have been held there this and next week were those of the Henry Clay Association, Mutual Base Ball Club, Second regiment, Odd Fellows, &c. To these bodies the loss will be a great one, as it is very difficult to procure premises for holding a ball at such an advanted period of the season. Many of our fair New Yorkers will remember with pleasure the mash enjoyed. The K

greatly to the preservation of the front wall.

THE FIREMEN AND HOW THEY WORKED.

Too much credit cannot be beautowed upon the fremesh engaged in the extinction of the fiames. Soliton at any configuration have such perservance and endurance have exhibited. The cold temperature of the admosphere was hardly conductived much uperature, and yet all worked with a will. Severat of the men displayed great intropidity in the remeval of burning cashes, beams, &c. Mandring at time in the most peritose positions, they did all that crist he done towards extinguishing the fames. All their reovenments were characterized the old department.

NARROW ENCAPE.

the tin fell it parted in two, portions falling on either side of him. His hat was knecked off and his cost torm in more than one place by the falling tin. Mr. Lawrence did not appear to have sustained any serious injury, and the escape was looked upon by those present as something almost akin to the miraculous.

LOSSES AND INSURANCES.

The following is a list of the occupants of the presises and the insurances and losses as far as accortions of the control of the control of the presises and the insurances and losses as far as accor-

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The American theatre, but more commonly known as No. 444, was owned by R. W. Buller. The loss is variously estimated at from \$10,000 to \$20,000; said to be insured. The City Assembly Rooms, now known as Alker's, were kept by George Alker, who, with his family, occupied some of the upper rooms as a dwelling. Fart of his honachold effects were gotten out, but the greater portion, together with the stock of liquors in the bar, was destroyed. Loss about \$2,000; insured for \$4,000 in the People's Insurance Company. The buildings are owned by Edward Mathews and are on lease ground, owned by the Lorillard estate. The loss will be about \$40,000, insured for \$50,000 as follows:

Home, of New Ha. Kings County. \$5,000

Home, of New Haven

ven. \$10,000 brigo, of Portland.

New England, of Hartford. 7,500 City of Hartford. 1,500 Province Special Special

incity companies.

No. 442, known as the Continental Hotel, owned by Currier & Go. The fire got into the building through the side windows. Barnage to the furniture and stock about \$10.000; insured for \$27,000 in the following companies: New York, Indemnity, People's, Baltie, Park, Brevcort, Pacific, Star and Commonwealth. The building is dangaged about \$4,000, and is insured in the City, Mercantile and other commanies. The how we taken through the

racine, Star and Commonwealth. The building is damaged about \$4,000, and is insured in the City, Mercantile and other companies. The hose was taken through the dwelling houses on Crosby street. Nos. 12 and 12's are occupied by Isabella J. Lee. The furniture is damaged by water to the extent of \$100; insured for \$2,000. Mr. A. Seyflort, who occupies No. 14, has sustained some slight damage by water; insured for \$3,000 in the Germania Insurance Company.

Most of the persons compleyed in the American theatre are heavy losers. Billy Holmes loses about \$200, Canter White \$1,000, James Wambeld \$1,200, and Thompson and Kerns \$1,000. There were thritten hallst girls, whe lose about \$300 each. None of this property is insured. The police arrangements, under Inspector Carpenter, were most admirable. The crow was cleared from the streets to several hundred foot from the fire, and the Green and insurance patrol had plenty of room to work. Fire Commissioners Finckney, Abbe and Brown were early at the fire, and were very active in rendering assistance.

ance. The insurance patrel, of both watches, under Captains Crosson and Lecour, worked with a will, and saved a very large amount of property from damage. The police reserves from the Fourteenth, Eighth, Twenty-eighth, Fifth, Sixth, Fifteenth, Seconth, Third, Fourth, Seventh, Ninth, Jeant and Twenty-sixth precisacts were on the ground, and did most excellent duty in keeping back the crowd and protecting the property removed from the buildings.

John Casa, a Frenchman, forty-eight years of age, was arrested by detective Elder, who caught him in the act of attempting to pick the pickets of three different indies.

Augustus Lee (colored) was arrested by detective Emster, he being caught in the act of stealing po ket hand-kerchiefs.

PIONRER CLAY CLUB OF THE EIGHTH WARD.
Owing to the destruction of the City Assembly Rosembla club will give their Reunion at Irving Hall, on Wedenslay, 29th of March. New tekens will be leased.

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In consequence of the destruction by the of the City Assembly Rooms, silentia Lodge, 198, 19 and A. M. will sold their Annual Rail at the Everett Rooms. Broadway, orner of Thirty-fourth street, on Tuesday evening, Formary M.

A Merchant of Many Years' Standing and a citizen of unimpeaceable character, Michael I. Dovid Esq., of 267 Grand street, having purchased in good failst. Bill of sitiss, afterward alleged to have been stolen, was, rot withstanding his character, his position and his exhibition of his bill and receipt, compelled by Justice Dowlint to give ball on Menday, February 5th list, to answer to a charge of larceary. Mr. Doyle and his ball have this day been, is direction of our able and deservedly distinguished District Attorney, discharged from their recognizances. As this occurrence has obtained great publicity, I am requested by his sertion of this communication.

CHARLES S. NYENCER.

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Governor rierpoint sent a communication to the Legislature to-day nominating three judges of the Court of Appeals and fifteen timuit judges. The nominations are generally approved by the conservative members of the Legislature; but a decided opposition to one or two names was anticipated.

The Committee on Courts in the House of Delegates, to whom was referred the resolution requesting Senator Underwood to resign, reported a substitute to-day declaring that his effort to procure the overthrow of the State government was wholly incomsistent with the duties of his position, and meets unqualified reprobation. The General Assembly took no settlen.

The House decided to-day that the Adjutant General of the Commonwealth, heretofore appointed by the Governor, should be elected by the General Assembly.

Supreme Court—Chambers.

Nicholas Heary et al. vs. Isidore Heary et al.—The report of the referce in this case was confirmed, and judgment granted.

Peter Clurk vs. Heary M. Farlan et al.—In this case the motion was granted on the payment of costs, and a stay of proceedings until the May term was also granted.

The mas Roberts et al. vs. John Kerv et al.—In this case the metics was denied, on the strength of swirsl devisions of the General Kerm, recorded in Hawar's Heylera, which are deemed conclusive.

In the case of William H. Hacker vs. Eliza Scaffer, good et al., the motion to open default was denied.

In the case of the Prople of rel. Anson Herrich vs. M.

T. Brennun a motion for mandamus was granty.